**Environmental remedy and Social Investment Programme by Iron-ore companies**

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of plants and the number of iron-ore companies in the country dealing with extraction of minerals, State-wise;

(b) whether any of these companies are contribution any amount of environmental remedy and social investment programme in the region of the respective States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) According to Indian Bureau of Mines, there were 247 operating mines of iron-ore in 2003-04. The list of principal producers of iron-ore in India during 2003-04 is given in the Statement. (See below)

The State-wise iron-ore mining leases which are in actual operation are as mentioned below:

***Statement***

*State-wise iron-ore mines*

| State | Leases/Mines in operation |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 5 |
| Chhattisgarh | 10 |
| Goa | 55 |
| Haryana | - |
| Jharkhand | 18 |
| Karnataka | 69 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 6 |
| Maharashtra | 4 |

| State | Leases/Mines in operation |
|---|---|
| Orissa | 78 |
| Rajasthan | 2 |
| All India | 247 |

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per the information provided by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Nagpur, every working mine takes steps on environmental remedy like afforestation for stabiization of dead waste dump and for green belt development; taking effective remedies by water sprinkling for air pollution control; effectively utilizing top soil; taking effort for reclamation and rehabilitation; taking steps like construction of garland drains and retaining walls to arrest wash-offs for control of water pollution; taking steps for improved aesthetic and publicity for environmental awareness.

The social investment programmes are housing water supply, sanitation, health and medical facilities, roads, education, training, employment to the locals, public transportation and communication etc.

As per the information provided by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), during 2003-04, an expenditure of Rs.2347.512 lakhs has been incurred by the iron-ore producing mines towards environmental remedies and social investment programmes.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of above.

***Statement***

*Principal producers of Iron-ore in India, 2003-04 (Producing about 68% of total Iron-ore Extraction in 2003-04)*

| Name & Address of Producers | State | District |
|---|---|---|
| Steel Authority of India Ltd. | Jharkhand | Singhbhum (West) |
| | Karnataka | Chickmaglur |
| | Chhattisgarh | Durg |
| | Orissa | Keonjhar |
| | | Sundergarh |

| Name & Address of Producers | State | District |
|---|---|---|
| National Mineral Development Corpn. Ltd | Karnataka | Bellary |
| | Chhattisgarh | Dantewada |
| Tata Iron & Steel & Co. Ltd. | Jharkhand | Singhbhum (West) |
| | (Orissa) | Keonjhar |
| Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd. | Karnataka | Chickmaglur |
| M/s. Sesa Goa Ltd. | Goa | North Goa |
| | | South Goa |
| M/s. Essel Mining & Industries Ltd. | Orissa | Keonjhar |
| | | Sundergarh |
| M/s. Mysore Minerals Ltd. | Karnataka | Bellary |
| The Orissa Mining Corporation Ltd. | Orissa | Keonjhar |
| | | Sundergarh |
| M/s. Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd. | Orissa | Keonjhar |
| M/s. Sunderlal Sarda & Mohanlal Sarda | Orissa | Keonjhar |
| M/s. Chowgule & Co. Ltd. | Goa | North Goa |
| | | South Goa |
| | Karnataka | Bellary |
| M/s. V.S. Lad & Sons | Karnataka | Bellary |
| M/s. Dempo Mining Corporation Ltd. | Goa | North Goa |
| M/s. Lakshmi Narayan Mining Co. | Karnataka | Bellary |
| M/s. V.M. Salgaocar & Bro. Pvt. Ltd. | Goa | North Goa |
| | | South Goa |
| M/s. Rungta Mines Pvt. Ltd. | Jharkhand | Singhbhum (West) |
| | Orissa | Keonjhar |
| M/s. Minerals Sales Pvt. Ltd. | Karnataka | Bellary |
| M/s. Kaypee Enterprises | Orissa | Keonjhar |
| M/s. Bandekar Brothers Pvt. Ltd. | Goa | North Goa |
| M/s. Orissa Mineral Development Co. Ltd | Orissa | Keonjhar |
| M/s. Cosme Costa & Sons | Goa | North Goa |
| M/s. A. Narain Mines Ltd. | Karnataka | Chitradurga |
| M/s. Tungbhadra Minerals Ltd. | Karnataka | Bellary |